

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

IN RE:
GEA SEASIDE INVESTMENT, INC.
Debtor (s).

CASE NO.: 3:18-bk-00800-JAF
Chapter 11

DEBTOR'S MOTION TO DETERMINE LIEN NULL AND VOID
(Instrument Number 2015131643 –236 N. Peninsula, Daytona Beach, FL 32218)

Debtor, GEA SEASIDE INVESTMENT, INC., files this Motion to Determine Lien Null and Void and in support states as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On January 10, 2013, Debtor filed a previous Chapter 11 case 3:13-bk-00165-JAF.
2. The automatic stay went into effect and remained in effect until entry of a confirmation order on January 5, 2016. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 362(a), (c).
3. During all relevant times, Debtor owned the real property at 236 N. Peninsula, Daytona Beach, FL 32218 (the “Real Property”).
4. On July 20, 2015, the City of Daytona Beach placed a lien on the Real Property as recorded at Book 7140 Page 4388 of the Official Records of Volusia County, Florida, Instrument #2015131643.
5. The City of Daytona Beach did not seek or obtain relief from stay prior to imposing the lien.
6. The actions of the City of Daytona Beach in attempting to create, perfect or enforce a lien against property of the estate violated the automatic stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 362(a)(4).
7. “In the Eleventh Circuit, actions ‘taken in violation of the automatic stay are void and without effect.’” *Venn v. Bazzel (In re Lambert)*, 273 B.R. 663 (Bankr. N.D. Fla. 2002) (quoting

Borg-Warner Acceptance Corp. v. Hall, 685 F.2d 1306, 1308 (11th Cir. 1982).

8. The automatic stay arose when the prior Chapter 11 was filed on January 10, 2013. The “stay automatically arises without the necessity of judicial intervention.” See *Myers v. Miracle Finance, Inc. (In re Myers)*, 402 B.R. 370 (Bankr. M.D. Ala. 2009).

9. The creation and recording of the lien were in violation of the automatic stay and are void.

10. Accordingly, the Debtor requests entry of an Order:

- a. Finding the City of Daytona Beach violated the automatic stay in the prior case;
- b. Determining the lien is null and void and of no further force or effect;
- c. Directing Debtor to record the Order in the official records memorializing the extinguishment of the lien; and
- d. Granting any other relief the Court deems necessary and just.

DATED this 2 day of October, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to:

City of Daytona Beach
c/o Robert Jagger, City Attorney
301 S. Ridgewood Avenue

Daytona Beach, FL 32114 (by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid);

Which is the place it regularly conducts its business; and to

Office of United States Trustee
400 W. Washington, Suite 1100
Orlando, FL 32801 (by CM/ECF filing)

Which is the place he regularly conducts his business, this 2 day of October, 2018.

/s/ Taylor J. King
Taylor J. King, Attorney

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